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I REALLY
HAVE VERY
FEW APPEAR-
ANCES....

It's cold, in all sorts
of ways....

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the girl who dashes off

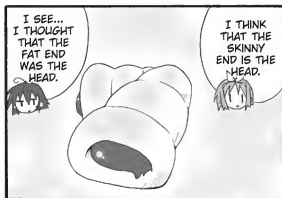


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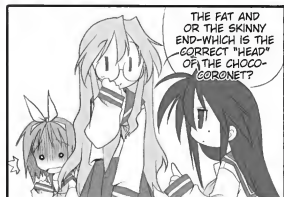
episode 1 begin activity



● January 2004 issue, Comptiq



being picky



clumsy





KONATA IZUMI

A girl that lives at her own pace, with tremendous athletic talent. However, she's not what you call a girl of sports - she's a girl that loves anime and games. Her senses are slightly off from normal people. As a compliment, one would say "she has a unique sensibility."

episode 2 older sister



● February 2004 issue, Comptiq







TSUKASA HIRAGI

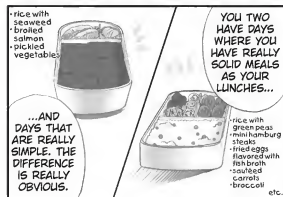
Kagami's twin sister, the younger twin.
A normal girl with normal grades and normal
athletic reflexes. A caring person that can be
swept away by the atmosphere. She may be
pretty tough mentally, she can adapt to all of
Konata's aloof comments.



episode 3 unchanging everyday life



● March 2004 issue, Comptiq







KAGAMI HIIRAGI

Tsukasa's twin sister, the older twin. However, she is not like her younger sister and has very good grades. She is the type that works hard when nobody is looking, and loves to put up a front. Konata is a friend through her younger sister. Though they are in different homeroom classes, she visits the two often.

episode 4 the other side of the lens



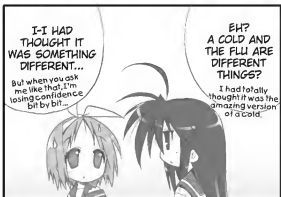
● April 2004 issue, Comptiq

she really collided



naturally







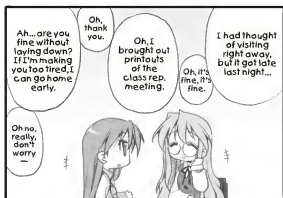




MIYUKI TAKARA

Classmates with Konata and Tsukasa.
Great looks, good grades, wonderful manners
make her a model student, but she can be a natural
ditz at times. She got to know Kagami well from
both of them being class representatives,
which led to her friendship with the
other two girls.

episode 5 footsteps of spring



● May 2004 issue, Comptiq

how to spend a long vacation



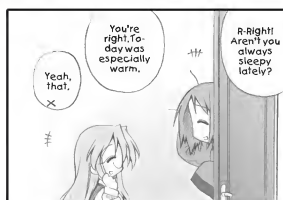
how a good person thinks



the promised day

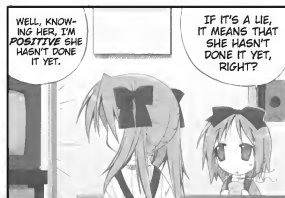


honesty and kindness

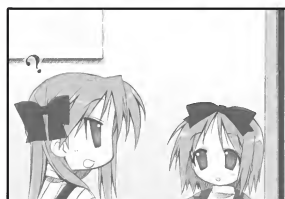




no progress



since we're here

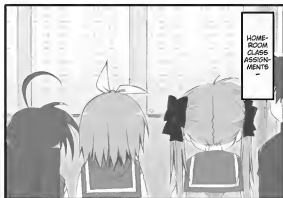




NANAKO KUROI

Homeroom teacher for Konata's class.
A teacher that feels more like a friend that every
school has at least one of. She and Konata lend
each other games a lot. The subject she
teaches is world history.

if you look at it again, it may change



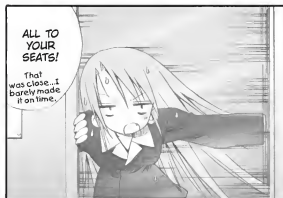
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episode 6

a season of new beginnings.. maybe



● June 2004 issue, Comptiq



it is on my mind, after all



in all reality, it's hard to make a choice





lately, there are few cancellations



trigger





YUI NARUMI

Konata's cousin who is a female police officer that works in the traffic rules department. Perhaps it's in their blood, but she lives her life at her own pace much like Konata. She is most good at jumping to conclusions, and her pet phrase is "That's a surprise!" She's a newlywed that just recently got married.

episode 7 ideals



● July 2004 issue, Comptiq

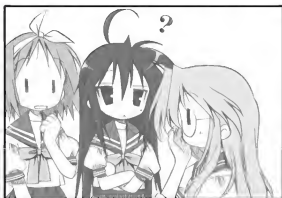
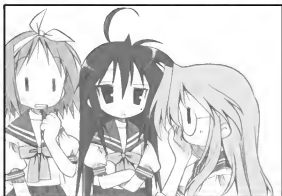


huh?



lethargic



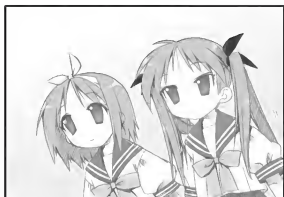




right girl in the right place



and some gods pick them up





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episode 8

various appearances, but contents are still the same



● 2004 summer issue, Ace Momo-gumi







mercy is...

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episode 9 a clever way to do it



● August 2004 issue, Shonen Ace



seasons that roll by



times have changed





but more so



controlling people's minds





a reliable girl



a sudden conversation





i got caught



it took a bit longer





You don't get it...you get happy just by having it in your hands.

What? Are you going to just look over them later?



episode 10 the rowdiness before battle



● August 2004 issue, Comptiq

feelings are a spice?

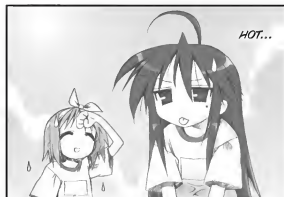


a question of motivation











In the end, I ended up doing my best to think of what to present for the arts festival.



July issue, Comp-fest ●



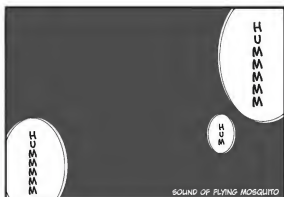
episode 11
do your best,
young ones



●August 2004 issue, Comptiq

somehow, especially when you're in a rush

impulses in a crisis



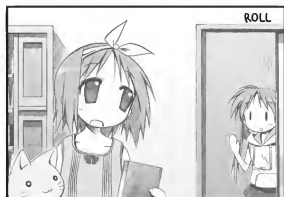


whatever happens happens



can't do it







I'm telling you, you're the only one that does stuff like that. I mean, what do you mean by a copy for promotion in the first place?

And sometimes you forget who you lent it to, and buy yourself another copy, don't you?



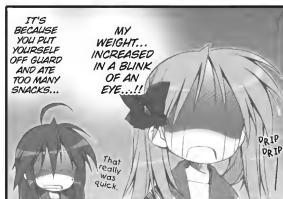
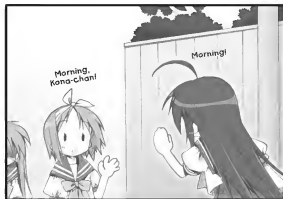
August issue, Comp-fest ●

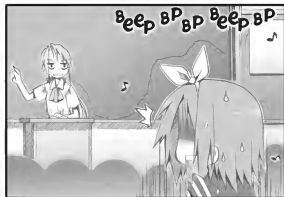
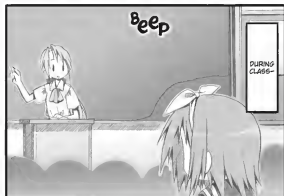
episode 12 beginner



● September 2004 issue, Shonen Ace

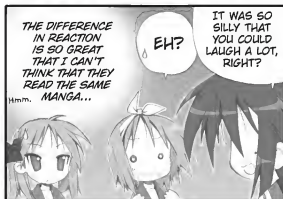








to each her own



trials of the beginner





time is the same



for yourself, for others



episode 13 relatives, no doubt



● September 2004 issue, Comptiq



aimed shot



real job









August issue, Comp-fest●

a-ha-ha, u-fu-fu



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episode 14 play, play



September 2004 issue, Comptiq



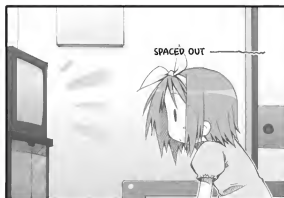
dashing off



as usual, it ends that way



even if there is time



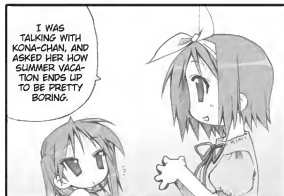
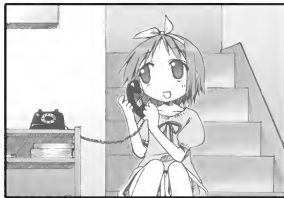
slacking at one's job



applauding yourself



even though the means are different





October issue, Comp-fest●

If it takes about 6 months to get here, you can no longer say that you are having fun about it.

Or rather, you totally forget about it.



episode 15 bright season

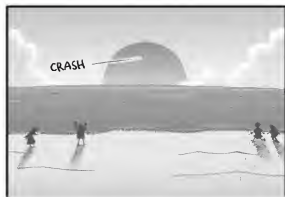


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Do you really have a driver's license, ma'am?

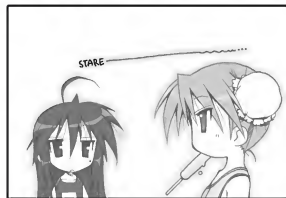
just like back then



aimed shot





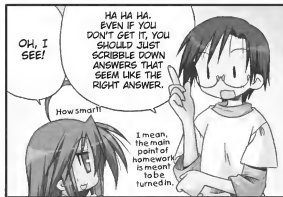


episode 16 full of memories



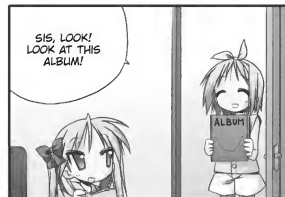
● October 2004 issue, Comptiq

answer that can be made immediately



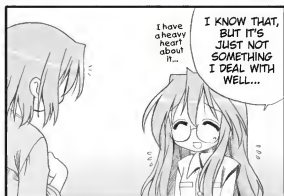
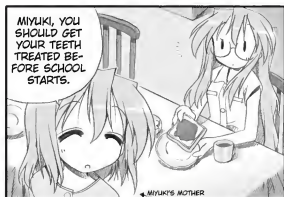
as a person







if you can't push...



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episode 17

when time passes, even things you don't like



● October 2004 issue, Comptiq





rubbing salt on a wound



a large typhoon





let's go shopping



October issue, From Gamers ●

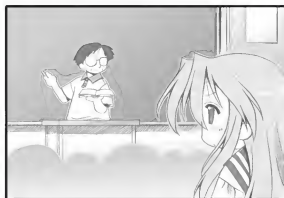


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episode 18 the other side, without the lens









typhoon ikka (=has gone)



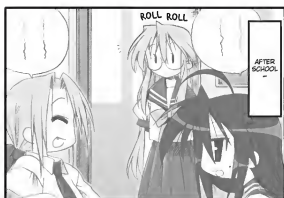
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episode 19

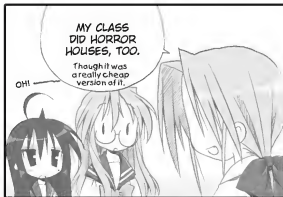
preparations for the culture festival!



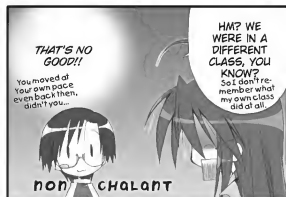
● November 2004 issue, Shonen Ace













detecting danger



embarrassing





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episode 20

the days until the athletic festival!



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example of an answer



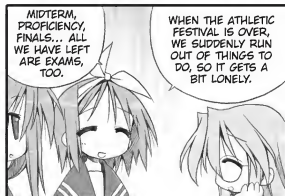
falling memories (only yesterday)



starting, in all sorts of ways



don't think about the future



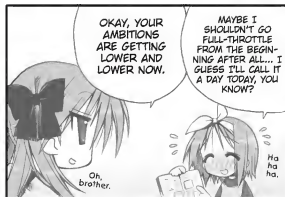
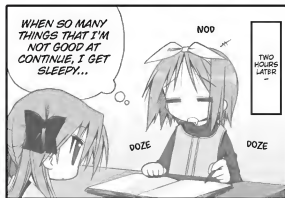
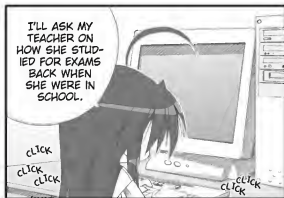


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episode 21 personality



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drowning because there is no battle plan



advice



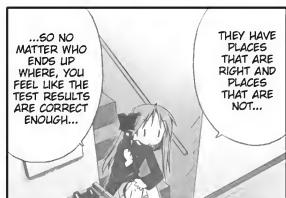
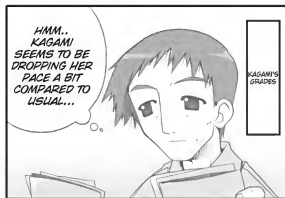


but still, type b

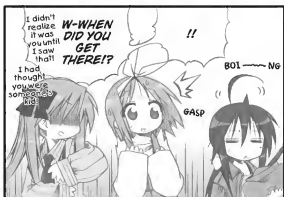


that feeling





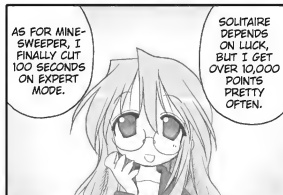




episode 22 game



● December 2004 issue, Gompig



sleeping dogs lie



sneak attack



that's how it goes, after all



scary after all







i've heard the story



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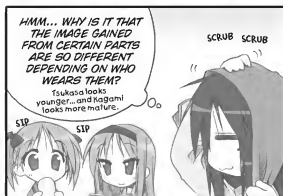
episode 23

home visitation



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this may be the actual form



desires



you, right in front of me



sepia-colored you



the punch line



you, in front of the mirror

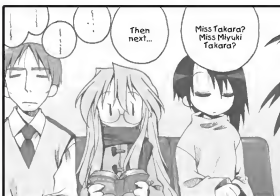
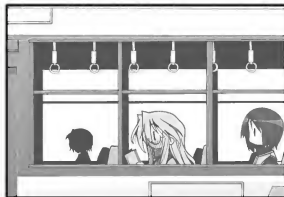


episode 24 conditions don't change



● January 2005 issue, Shonen Ace





don't lose, police



do your best, police





episode 25 season for sleep



● 2005 Winter issue, Ace Momo-gumi

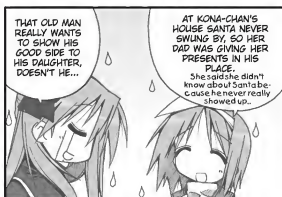




hey



present for you





* BY THE WAY, THE DIALOGUE HAS BEEN "FIXED" IN VARIOUS PLACES, SO I BELIEVE ONLY THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE THE MAGAZINES THAT THE EPISODES WERE ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED IN WILL FEEL ANY AWKWARDNESS.

An afterword of GREAT THANKS!

* LET'S SEE... WHAT SHOULD I START WITH... FIRST, THANK YOU FOR PICKING THIS BOOK UP INTO YOUR HANDS. THE FACT THAT YOU ARE HOLDING THIS BOOK MEANS THAT FINALLY (TO PUT IT ONE WAY), AT LAST, I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PUT ALL OF THIS TOGETHER INTO ONE FORM OR ANOTHER. >_<

* LUCKY STAR STARTED AS A "REST STOP" TYPE MANGA TWO YEARS AGO IN COMPTIQ. BUT TO THINK THAT IT WOULD REALLY TURN INTO A COMPILED VOLUME... I CANNOT PUT TO WORDS WELL THIS STRANGE FEELING THAT I HAVE, A MIXTURE OF WONDER AND HAPPINESS.

* BUT THERE IS ONE THING THAT I CAN CLEARLY SAY: THE FACT THAT THIS WORK WAS ABLE TO SEE SUCH A MATERIAL FORM IS THANKS TO EVERYONE AROUND ME - MY EDITORS THAT LED THE WAY FOR ME, FRIENDS WHO I HAVE LEANED ON, AND ALL THE FANS WHO SUPPORTED THE SERIES. "HONESTLY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH!"

* I BELIEVE THIS RAMBUNCTIOUS DAILY LIFE WILL CONTINUE FOR A WHILE TO COME, BUT PLEASE, PLEASE, I GIVE YOU MY BEST REGARDS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!!

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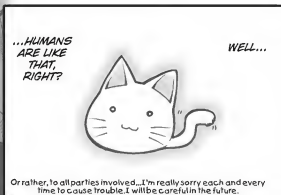
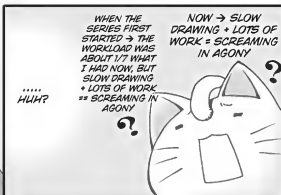
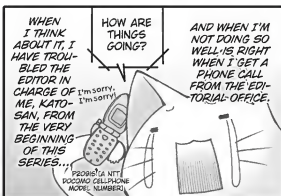
--BY KAGAMI YOSHIMIZU, NOVEMBER 2004

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if there are voices that say she doesn't seem too awkward like this even now, I might draw her like this again.

engine



Or rather, to all parties involved...I'm really sorry each and every time to cause trouble.I will be careful in the future.

TRANSLATOR NOTES

- P.3 **-CHAN** HONORIFIC. USUALLY FOR, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, GIRLS OR SMALL KIDS.
- P.4 **CHOCO-CORONET** A STAPLE OF THE LOCAL JAPANESE BAKERY. A SEASHELL-LOOKING BREAD (LIKE SHOWN IN THE MANGA) USUALLY SLIGHTLY SWEETENED, AND FILLED WITH CHOCOLATE CUSTARD.
- P.5 **-SAN** HONORIFIC. STANDARD FARE FOR ADULTS OF BOTH GENDERS. MINIMUM LEVEL OF POLITENESS IN MOST BUSINESS SITUATIONS (THERE ARE EXCEPTIONS LIKE THE BOSS CAN ADDRESS HIS WORKERS WITH -KUN OR -CHAN, BUT ONCE AGAIN, THEY'RE EXCEPTIONS.)
- P.7 **HOMEWORK** MOST SCHOOLS GIVE THEIR STUDENTS HOMEWORK TO DO OVER THE SUMMER BREAK. (NOTE THAT 1ST TRIMESTER STARTS IN APRIL, SO SUMMER VACATION IS THE BREAK BETWEEN THE 1ST AND 2ND TRIMESTERS.)
ONE-CHAN/NEESAN LITERALLY, "BIG SISTER," BUT CAN BE USED AS A PRONOUN FOR A WOMAN SLIGHTLY OLDER THAN YOU. I HAVE TRANSLITERATED IT TO "SIS" WHEN TSUKASA USES IT AS A PRONOUN FOR KAGAMI, AND KEPT "NEESAN" WHEN KONATA REFERS TO HER COUSIN YUI.
- P.12 **VALENTINE'S DAY** IN JAPAN, IT'S A DAY WHERE GIRLS GIVE GUYS CHOCOLATE (AND, IF APPLICABLE, ASK THE GUY OUT).
- P.15 **MOE** I HAVE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO FIND A REALLY SATISFACTORY ONE-WORD TRANSLATION FOR THIS WORD... NOT EXACTLY FETISH, NOT EXACTLY INFATUATION, NOT EXACTLY A TURN-ON... HMM...
- P.23 **SPRING SLEEP** THE FULL JAPANESE PROVERB IS "SPRING SLEEP DOES NOT KNOW OF DAWN" MEANING PEOPLE TEND TO FEEL SLEEPY FROM THE WARMTH OF SPRING.
- P.24 **SENSEI** LITERALLY, "TEACHER/INSTRUCTOR" BUT IT CAN BE USED AS A PRONOUN IN ADDRESSING PEOPLE SUCH AS TEACHERS, INSTRUCTORS, DOCTORS, POLITICIANS, AND LAWYERS. IT'S MORE "FORMAL" IN A WAY TO DO SO THAN CALLING THEM BY NAME, BUT WHEN IT GETS LITERALLY TRANSLATED INTO SOMETHING LIKE "HEY, TEACHER!" IT JUST DOESN'T SOUND RIGHT SO I USUALLY END UP TRANSLITERATING TO "SIR/MA'AM" WHEN IT IS THE CASE OF TEACHERS.
- P.29 **SURVEY** JAPANESE HIGH SCHOOLS TEND TO DO SURVEYS OF WHAT THE STUDENTS ARE PLANNING TO DO ONCE THEY GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL... AND THEIR HOMEROOM TEACHERS USE THAT TO GIVE THEM ADVICE ON WHAT TO STUDY AND WHATNOT.
AMINO-SHIKI A SPORTS DRINK IN JAPAN (OFFICIALLY "NENSHOUKEI AMINO-SHIKI"). THE COMMERCIALS IN QUESTION CAN BE FOUND ON THE 'NET, LIKE THE ONE I FOUND ON YOUTUBE (HYPERLINK "<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yvknrxklotg>").
- P.31 **EXTENDED BROADCAST** JAPANESE SPORTS COVERAGE CAN EXTEND BROADCAST TIME (USUALLY UP TO A HALF HOUR) IF THE GAME DOESN'T END IN THE SCHEDULED TIME SLOT. WHEN THIS HAPPENS, ALL SUBSEQUENT PROGRAMMING GETS PUSHED BACK OR CANCELLED, AS KONATA MENTIONED.
- P.33 **ROMAN** THIS IS A WORD THAT I OFTEN HAVE TROUBLE TRANSLATING, AS IT'S NOT TEXTBOOK "ROMANTICISM" AND DEFINITELY NOT "ROMANTIC/ROMANCE" WHEN USED IN JAPANESE CONVERSATIONS FOR THE MOST PART.. I TEND TO USE "IDEALISTIC" AS I DID HERE ("IDEALS").
- P.34 **MAY BLUES** A LOT OF JAPANESE PEOPLE TEND TO BECOME DEPRESSED IN MAY, AS THEY FIND TROUBLE GETTING ACCUSTOMED TO THEIR NEW LIFE (NEW SCHOOL, STARTING OUT IN THE WORKING WORLD, ETC) THAT STARTED IN APRIL SUCH THAT THE "GROWING PAINS" DEPRESSION HAS ITS OWN TERM.
COMP-FEST COMPTIQ (THE MAGAZINE THAT THE LUCKY STAR MANGA IS SERIALIZED IN) HAS "SEND US STAMPS, WE SEND YOU QUO CARDS PRINTED WITH ILLUSTRATIONS FROM SERIES RUNNING IN OUR MAGAZINE" GIVEAWAYS.
QUO CARD A PREPAID CARD THAT CAN BE USED IN PLACES LIKE CONVENIENCE STORES, FAST FOOD JOINTS, GAS STATIONS, DRUG STORES, AND CD SHOPS. WITH THE INCREASE IN CELLPHONE USAGE (I.E. LACK OF PUBLIC TELEPHONE USAGE), IT HAS REPLACED TELEPHONE CARDS (CARDS WITH PREPAID MINUTES ON PUBLIC TELEPHONES) AS THE "PRINTED MATTER OF CHOICE" IN MANGA/ANIME MAGAZINE GIVEAWAYS.
- P.39 **CHANGING UNIFORMS** JAPANESE SCHOOLS HAVE A "SUMMER UNIFORM" AND A "WINTER UNIFORM" TO KEEP STUDENTS FROM FEELING TOO HOT IN THE SUMMER AND TOO COLD IN THE WINTER.
- P.43 **KAGAMIN** KONATA OFTEN CALLS KAGAMI AS "KAGAMIN"... THINK OF IT AS A NICKNAME.
- P.69 **MEGANEKKOGEKILOVE** TRANSLATED, "SERIOUS_LOVE_OF_GIRLS_WITH_EYEGGLASSES". WHAT A TEXT ADDRESS TO CHOOSE, SERIOUSLY! FYI, KONATA'S ACTUAL LINE HERE IS [MY TEXT ADDRESS IS "MEGANEKKOGEKILOVE" IN ROMAJI.] BUT I HAVE DECIDED TO OMIT "IN ROMAJI" BECAUSE THAT DOESN'T REALLY MAKE SENSE IN THIS ENGLISH-SPEAKING REALM - KONATA JUST WANTED TO SAY THE USERNAME USES NOTHING BUT ENGLISH ALPHABET AS OPPOSED TO SOME FORM OF THE JAPANESE LANGUAGE (HIRAGANA/KATAKANA/KANJI) FOR PARTS OF IT.
- P.90 **SCHOOL-SPEC. SWIMSUIT** EVERY SCHOOL HAS A POOL, AND ALL CLASSES HAVE PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASSES - HENCE, ALL STUDENTS ARE TAUGHT HOW TO SWIM. LIKE HOW THERE ARE UNIFORMS FOR EVERYTHING ELSE, THERE ARE BORING-LOOKING "UNIFORM" SWIMSUITS (USUALLY WITH CLASS AND NAME ON A PATCH ATTACHED SOMEWHERE ON THE FRONT END) THAT MUST BE WORN DURING THE

SWIMMING CLASSES. THERE ARE GUYS WHO HAVE FETISHES FOR GIRLS IN THESE "UNIFORM" SWIMSUITS - THAT'S WHAT KONATA IS REFERRING TO WHEN SHE SAYS "NEEDS FOR SUCH THINGS."

P.95 **TEXTBOOKS** ALL STUDENTS BUY TEXTBOOKS FROM 1ST GRADE, UNLIKE MOST AMERICAN SCHOOLS (K-12) THAT LEND TEXTBOOKS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR.

P.101 **AWW...** I'VE SEEN THE ORIGINAL INTERJECTION あゝ TO MEAN "OH NO", "UGH", OR "OUCH" AS WELL, BUT IN THIS CONTEXT I FELT LIKE IT WAS MORE OF A SYMPATHETIC "I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL, THAT SUCKS" THING THAN ANYTHING ELSE - HENSE, "AWW."

P.102 **LIGHT NOVEL** BASICALLY, WHAT WE WOULD PERCEIVE AS "TEEN NOVELS". THEY'RE "LIGHT" NOVELS BECAUSE THEY'RE CONSIDERED LIGHTER/EASIER READING THAN NORMAL NOVELS, AND THE TARGET AUDIENCE IS TEENAGERS. A LOT OF THEM HAVE SOME TIES TO ANIME OR MANGA.

GAMERS A RETAIL CHAIN IN JAPAN THAT SPECIALIZES IN ANIME, MANGA, LIGHT NOVELS, GAMES, GOODS, AND CDS WHICH HAVE TO DO WITH SUCH GENRES.

P.105 **LOOSE ON TIME** SINCE IT'S "RU-ZU" LITERALLY IT WOULD BE MORE TOWARDS "RUDE" THAN "LOOSE." THE USAGE OF THE TERM IS "SOMEONE WHO IS INCONSIDERATE OF OTHERS AND IS NEVER PROMPT AT COMING AT REPORT TIME" IT REALLY CAN GO EITHER WAY, BUT I PERSONALLY THINK THAT "LOOSE" CONVEYS THE MEANING A BIT BETTER THAN "RUDE."

P.106 **FESTIVALS** THE ATHLETIC FESTIVAL (TAIKUSAD) AND ARTS/CULTURE FESTIVAL (BUNKASAD) ARE STAPLE ALL-SCHOOL EVENTS OF JAPANESE EDUCATION. THE ATHLETIC FESTIVAL IS A MINI-OLYMPICS OF SORTS, WITH HOMEROOMS COMPETING AGAINST EACH OTHER IN ALL SORTS OF RACES. THE ARTS/CULTURE FESTIVAL (I USUALLY TRANSLATE IT AS "ARTS FESTIVAL" LIKE IN THE ANIME, BUT I TRANSLATED IT AS "CULTURE FESTIVAL" IN THE MANGA DUE TO SOME OF MIYUKI'S LINES NOT MAKING SENSE IF I KEPT IT AS "ARTS") IS WHERE EACH HOMEROOM SHOWCASES SOMETHING, AND THE SCHOOL AS A WHOLE INVITES NON-STUDENT ATTENDEES TO VIEW THE SHOWCASES MUCH LIKE A ONE-DAY CONVENTION.

P.108 **LOTTE** THE "CHIBA LOTTE MARINES" IS ONE OF THE SIX TEAMS IN THE "PACIFIC LEAGUE," ONE OF THE TWO MAJOR LEAGUES IN NPB (NIPPON PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL).
HANSHIN TIGERS ONE OF THE SIX TEAMS IN THE "CENTRAL LEAGUE." THE OTHER MAJOR LEAGUE IN NPB.

P.117 **BREAD-EATING RACE** IT'S A TYPICAL DASH RACE WITH A TWIST - ABOUT MIDWAY ON THE RACETRACK ARE SEVERAL PIECES OF BREAD (ONE PER RUNNER) HANGING FROM STRINGS (USUALLY A TINY BIT HIGHER THAN WHERE THE AVERAGE RUNNER'S MOUTH IS), AND THE RUNNER HAS TO USE ONLY HIS/HER MOUTH (I.E. NO HANDS) TO GRAB ONE PIECE OF BREAD BEFORE PROCEEDING TO THE GOAL LINE.

P.131 **OLYMPICS** THE SUMMER GAMES IN ATHENS.

ICHIRO 2004 WAS WHEN HE SET THE MLB RECORD OF 262 BASE HITS IN ONE SEASON.

BASEBALL LEAGUE PROB.

2004 WAS A PROBLEMATIC YEAR FOR NPB - THE "ORIX BLUEWAVE" AND "OSAKA KINTETSU BUFFALOES" SUDDENLY ANNOUNCED AND POWERED THROUGH A MERGER, WHICH LED TO ARGUMENTS TO CONSOLIDATE THE PACIFIC LEAGUE AND CENTRAL LEAGUE INTO ONE GIANT PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL LEAGUE. THE PLAYERS' UNION SOUGHT TO SUSTAIN THE TWO-LEAGUE, 12-TEAM SETUP, AND EVEN WENT ON STRIKE FOR TWO DAYS IN MID-SEPTEMBER (NOTE: STILL MID-SEASON!) TO SHOW THEIR ANGER TOWARDS THE MERGER AND POLITICAL CRAP THAT SOME OF THE NPB OFFICIALS AND TEAM OWNERS WERE THROWING AT THE PLAYERS. IN THE END, THE CREATION OF A NEW BASEBALL TEAM FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 50 YEARS (THE "TOHOKU RAKUTEN GOLDEN EAGLES") ALLOWED FOR THE 12-TEAM TWO-LEAGUE SETUP THAT THE PLAYERS WANTED, PUTTING AN END (AT LEAST SUPERFICIALLY) TO THE PROBLEM. OTHER THAN THIS MAJOR DISASTER, THERE WERE SMALLER PROBLEMS INVOLVING THE FLOW OF MONEY CONCERNING THE TEAMS' OBTAINMENT OF PLAYERS OTHER THAN BY DRAFTING (WHICH LED TO THE RESIGNATION OF THREE TEAM OWNERS) AND DAIEI SELLING THEIR TEAM TO SOFTBANK.

DAIEI A CHAIN OF DEPARTMENT STORES THAT USED TO OWN A BASEBALL TEAM UNTIL THE END OF THE 2004 SEASON (THE "FUKUOKA DAIEI HAWKS"). NOTE THAT ALL DEPARTMENT STORES HAVE FOOD AND GROCERY SECTIONS IN THEIR STORES - SO KONATA'S LINE ABOUT "SUGAR" IS STILL APPROPRIATE.

SEIYU A CHAIN OF DEPARTMENT STORES OWNED BY THE SEIBU GROUP, THE FRANCHISE BEHIND THE TEAM "SAITAMA SEIBU LIONS." FYI, SEIYU IS A BIT LESS FORMAL (I.E. MORE LIKE A SUPERMARKET THAN A DEPARTMENT STORE IN AMERICAN EYES) THAN THE SEIBU DEPARTMENT STORE FRANCHISE.

P.140 **-SAMA** HONORIFIC. ONE NOTCH POLITER VERSION THAN -SAN IN A BUSINESS SETTING (USUALLY USED WHEN ADDRESSING CLIENTS), AND ONE NOTCH HIGHER RANK THAN -SAN IN OTHER SETTINGS (CHENCE I USUALLY TRANSLATE IT AS "LORD/LADY" INSTEAD OF "MR/MS" IF IT NEEDS TRANSLATION).

P.142 **POPULAR COP-DRAMA** THE LINE "THE CASE DOESN'T HAPPEN IN THE BOARDROOM! IT HAPPENS AT THE CRIME SCENE!" IS FROM "ODORU DAISOUSASEN THE MOVIE" - THE LINE HAS BECOME SO POPULAR THAT IT HAS BECOME THE ONE LINE EVERYONE IN JAPAN THINKS OF WHEN THEY THINK OF THE SERIES.

P.147 **ANOTHER CLASS** KAGAMI IS LAMENTING THE FACT THAT NOBODY IN HER OWN HOMEROOM CLASS KNOWS HER WELL ENOUGH TO CALL HER BY HER FIRST NAME. (IT IS CONSIDERED A BIT RUDE IN JAPANESE SOCIETY TO CALL SOMEONE BY THEIR FIRST NAME IF YOU DON'T KNOW THAT PERSON WELL.)

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